

4 January 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--December 1985

I. GENERAL

The bureau enjoyed a relatively quiet holiday season this year, with no major developments to report. Several bureau employees were able to join their embassy colleagues for a Christmas party held on the embassy lawn on the 24th. The bureau chief and family spent the week leading up to Christmas on a tour of India. The trip culminated in "white Christmas" with a vengeance when they were snowbound at Srinagar, the capital of the northern state of Kashmir, for 5 days of unplanned additional leave.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

At the request of Nicosia Bureau, on 24 December Gulf assumed daily coverage (including wirefiling of program summaries) of Moscow in Persian to Iran. The backstop will last until 20 January during their Persian monitor's leave.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

Gulf Bureau's alternate land line communications circuit via the Naval Administrative Support Unit, which was installed earlier this year, was put to its first operational test early this month when TCU experienced a major equipment breakdown. Overall, the system functioned as expected, with a few bugs being worked out and procedures firmed up. The support provided by the Navy's communications center from 4-8 December enabled bureau operations to continue near normal, thus avoiding excessive delays in traffic movement and backlogs. A letter of appreciation was sent to the Administrative Support Unit's commanding officer and the communications unit.

C. TECHNICAL

Authority to purchase a new emergency generator for the bureau to replace the existing unit was received during the month. A Caterpillar model 3208 generator set has been selected, and the new machine should be available for delivery by mid-January.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. A firm offer of employment was made to an Arabic monitor candidate referred to the bureau by BBC and tested and interviewed at PMU earlier in the year. A response to the offer is still pending. If accepted, the candidate will replace Arabic/Kurdish monitor [redacted] who has given notice.

2. Deputy chief [redacted] was promoted to GS-13 effective 8 December.

3. Bureau engineer [redacted] departed on 12 December for emergency visitation travel to CONUS, accompanied by his wife [redacted]

4. The wife and daughter of Arabic monitor [redacted] arrived in Bahrain on 25 December to reside with him. The family has lived on the West Bank for the past two and a half years.

5. Communications supervisor [redacted] was promoted to FBN-6/5 effective 5 January.

B. Building and Grounds

Construction of partitioning walls enclosing the new generator and storage space on the ground floor of the [redacted] Building was completed at mid-month, and the bureau has taken possession of the space.

IV. VISITS To the Bureau

1. Deputy Chief of Operations Group [redacted] 13-15 December.

2. Embassy PAO Anne O'Leary, 9 December, for an orientation tour and discussion of USIS/FBIS cooperation.

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Chief, Gulf Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report

GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	321,110
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	118,360
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	859

	BROAD CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	15,794	13,740	191.5
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)			

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

AFGHANISTAN

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
KABUL IN ENGLISH TO	
SOUTH ASIA	930

BAHRAIN

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ENGLISH	-0-
MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA WAKH IN	
ARABIC	21,380
MANAMA WAKH IN	
ENGLISH	11,360
MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ	
IN ARABIC	950
MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN	
ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA AL-MAWAQIF	
IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA SADA AL-USBU'	
IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS	
IN ENGLISH	1,430
MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN	
ENGLISH	-0-

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC	
REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN	
IN DARI	250
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC	
REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN	
IN PASHTO	600
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ	
REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-

(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN	
IN PERSIAN	610
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF MOJAHED	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN	
PERSIAN	1,880
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF THE	
LIBERATION OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	3,050

IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	17,130
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN TURKISH	1,080
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN DARI	-0-
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN PASHTO	-0-
TABRIZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN AZERI	2,910
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	28,390
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	150
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ENGLISH	-0-
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	2,430
BANDAR 'ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	460
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	1,200
ESFAHAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	100
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARMENIAN	-0-
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN AZERI	-0-
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	420
ZAHEDAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN IRNA IN	
ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID	
IN ARABIC	5,730
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI	
IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL	
IN ENGLISH	-0-

TEHRAN ETTALA'AT IN		
PERSIAN		-0-
TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI		
IN PERSIAN		-0-
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN		
PERSIAN		4,170
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I		
IN PERSIAN		-0-
IRAQ		

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	270	
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-	
KUWAIT		

KUWAIT AL-ANBA'		
IN ARABIC		6,660
KUWAIT AL-HADAF IN		
ARABIC		-0-
KUWAIT AL-QABAS		
IN ARABIC		4,970
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM		
IN ARABIC		3,990
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN		
ARABIC		2,490
KUWAIT AL-WATAN		
IN ARABIC		4,630
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		7,460
OMAN		

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	5,080	
SALALAH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	1,220	
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN		
ARABIC		500
MUSCAT 'UMMAN AL-USBU'I		
IN ARABIC		-0-
MUSCAT ONA IN		
ARABIC	3,180	
PAKISTAN		

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM		
IN ENGLISH		3,500
KARACHI DAWN		
IN ENGLISH		8,070
KARACHI JASARAT IN		
URDU		1,020
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN		
URDU		2,140

KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT			
IN URDU			3,900
LAHORE JANG IN			
URDU			1,920
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN			
URDU			1,480
RAWALPINDI PAKISTAN TIMES			
IN ENGLISH			810

QATAR

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	1,820		
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	-0-		
DOHA QNA IN			
ARABIC		6,470	

SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	1,980		
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	10,570		
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	490		
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE			
IN ENGLISH	-0-		
RIYADH SPA IN			
ARABIC		11,130	
AL-DAMMAM AL-YAWM IN			750
ARABIC			
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN			-0-
ARABIC			

SUDAN

OMDURMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	-0-		
KHARTOUM SUNA IN			
ARABIC		7,980	

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO			
IRAN	3,460		
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE			
IN PERSIAN	600		
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE			
IN AZERI	3,840		
DUSHANBE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE			
IN PERSIAN	-0-		
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE			
IN PERSIAN	-0-		
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE			
IN UIGHUR	-0-		
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE			
IN UZBEK	2,580		
YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE			
IN ARMENIAN	-0-		
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	190		

ASHKHABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	1,520		
ASHKHABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN TURKMEN	160		
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN AZERI	6,460		
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	-0-		
DUSHANBE DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	2,240		
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	-0-		
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN UZBEK	13,560		
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARMENIAN	640		
 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			

ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	4,310		
DUBAYY DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	-0-		
ABU DHABI WAM			
IN ARABIC		5,670	
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD			
IN ARABIC			3,450
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I			
IN ARABIC			5,330
AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ			
IN ARABIC			8,860
DUBAYY AL-BAYAN			
IN ARABIC			3,010
DUBAYY KHALEEJ TIMES			
IN ENGLISH			4,670
 UNITED KINGDOM			

LONDON AL-MAJALIS			
IN ARABIC			1,270
LONDON ASGHAR AQA			
IN PERSIAN			-0-
LONDON KEYHAN IN			
PERSIAN			6,940
 PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN (PDRY)			

ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	16,480		
ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE			
IN ARABIC	1,690		
ADEN ANA IN			
ARABIC		-0-	
ADEN ANA IN			
ENGLISH		-0-	
 YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)			

SANAA DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	10,910		
SANAA VOICE OF PALESTINE			
IN ARABIC	2,180		
SANAA AL-THAWRAH			
IN ARABIC			-0-